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For: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR
PRODUCING ELONGATE SUPPORT
ELEMENT AND PRODUCT, AND USE OF
THE SUPPORT ELEMENT

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Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. An Amendment in response to Office Action dated May 16, 2003 was filed in the U. S. Patent & Trademark Office ("USPTO") on August 6, 2003. A copy of this Amendment and facsimile filing receipt is provided as an attachment to this inquiry. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the USPTO.

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